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181 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Highest Grade in High School, 96, Won by Clifton Bellamy And Juanita Huskey, Both Members of Junior Class.

One hundred and eighty-one students of the Merkel Public schools were listed on the honor roll announced last week by Supt. R. A. Burgess. Of this number 55 are in High school and 126 in Grammar school. For the previous six weeks period there were 184 on the roll, while for the first period of the year 192 were classed in this group.

Highest grade reported in the High school was 96, an honor shared jointly by both Clifton Bellamy and Juanita Huskey, both Juniors.

The complete honor roll for the current period follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

Lora Pearl Haynes, 96; James Ray Baccus, 95; Dormon Clark, 95; Estell Brown, 95; Doris Jean Dudley, 95; Zedie Glynn Johnson, 93; Lucile English, 93; Teddie Joe Bicknell, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.

Dorothy Nell Lee, 95; Rachel Miller, 95; Christine Rhynes, 95; Loree Smith, 95; Gwyndolyn Vaughn, 95; John Robert Walker, 95; Geraldine Williams, 95; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 94; Foy Westenhover, 93; A. G. Stout, 91; Calvin Hickam, 90; Bobby Glenn Moore, 90; Loyd Rutledge, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.

John Andrew Stapleton, 94; Frances Melton, 90; Mary Smith, 93; Billy Joe Tombs, 91; Jesse Rhynes, 91; Ike Turner, 90; Ted McAninch, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.

Ralph Dye, 95; Ralph Hardy, 95; Bonnie Jaynes, 95; Dorothy Jean Jinkens, 95; Jasper Penn Howard, 94; Laverne Jinkens, 95; Benny Kemper, 93.

Third Grade, Mrs. Bird.

Mary Jo Hutchins, 96; Glenn Blair, 95; Dorothy Nell Groene, 95; Clarence Harrell, 95; Mary Alice Hester, 95; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 95; R. V. Clark, 94; Pat Cypert, 91; Majorie Wayne Dunn, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Jack Haynes, 97; Avalene Mathews, 97; Willie Sue Morgan, 97; Don Hutcheson, 96; Wanda McCoy, 96; George Mack Owens, 96; Bea Smith, 95; Johnnie McDonald, 93; Doris Mae Leppard, 92; Matilene London, 92; Frances Williams, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Sue Grimes, 96; Billy Clyde Hayes, 96; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 96; G. W. Brown, 95; Jack Hester, 95; Clara Bell Hawkins, 94; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 94; Hazel Burns, 92; Dorothy Jean Hagler, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.

Nina Osburn, 96; Billie Wood, 95; (Continued on Page Two.)

BADGERS MEET BLACKWELL, ROBY NEXT IN ORDER

The Badgers lost a closely contested game to Anson Tuesday night on the local gym floor, 23 to 21. The first quarter ended with a 5-5 tie, the second quarter found Anson leading 9-5 and again at the end of the third period the visitors had a 19-16 edge, but throughout the night was just that close that a basket or two would have turned the scales.

On Friday of this week Blackwell, a team that lost by a few points to the Badgers earlier in the season, will come for a chance to even up.

Coch Irvin announces that the adult price of 25c will be retained for the Blackwell game, but, when Roby plays here Tuesday night of next week, it has been decided to adopt a lower schedule of prices: 15c for adults and 10c for students. This will probably result in a much larger attendance, and the authorities have in mind using the attendance at this time as a basis for assessing future gate charges.

Work and Direct Relief Temporarily Suspended

Abilene, Jan. 31.—The Taylor county relief board, taking note Tuesday of a straitened balance of funds, as presented by Doyle T. Brooks, administrator, decided that, effective Thursday night this week, work relief in the county would have to stop, and so will the issuance of disbursement orders to clients on direct relief. Thursday is the thirty-first of the month, and the board was told that the available balance, by that time, will have been reduced to about a thousand dollars. This will be reserved for emergencies.

Additional funds are not expected until February 7, at which time both work and direct relief will be resumed normally.

Karl Wallace, Coleman county administrator, met with the board yesterday. He has been giving assistance to Brooks, who is new in the work.

Attend Funeral of Mrs. Bullock at Valley Mills

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook went to Valley Mills Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. J. Bullock, age 77, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. H. Reece, at Clifton. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Valley Mills, the family home, with interment in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Bullock was the mother of W. H. Bullock, of Albany, head of the Bullock Hardware company which operates a store here also. Mr. Bullock and Mrs. Reece are the only surviving children. Four grandchildren and two sisters survive.

102 MERKEL CITIZENS WIRE MESSAGE OF FELICITATIONS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

With 102 individual signatures a telegram of congratulations to President Roosevelt on his 53rd birthday was filed out of Merkel Wednesday night by Charles H. Jones, president of the Lions club and general chairman of the local arrangements for celebration of the president's birthday.

The congratulatory telegram read: The President,

White House, Washington, D. C. Happy birthday, Mr. President. I am proud to participate in the sending of this personal greeting to you and thereby help in the fight against infantile paralysis to which you have given such leadership.

(Signed) O. J. Adeock, A. A. McGehee, J. M. Dunn, Jr., T. O. Neill, E. L. Ash, Jr., Joe Higgins, Morris Horton, Spencer Bird, J. Hamp Campbell, C. D. Whately, W. E. Carr, H. C. Reid, Jay Greenfield, S. M. Hunter, Vance McLean, Claud B. Jinkens, Mack Fowler, L. C. Sublett, George Sublett, J. D. Porter, M. A. Dunn, R. I. Grimes, O. C. Vick, J. W. Bounds, A. B. Patterson, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, George Woodrum, C. E. Jacal-

obs, S. D. Gamble, A. T. Sheppard, F. E. Church, J. O. Lusby, Lee Harrell, Robert Hicks, Booth Warren, F. Y. Gaiher, I. I. Vanscil, Mrs. Floyd Davis, Miss John Ray David, W. C. Black, T. M. Allday, L. J. Renfro, A. B. Rose, Ross Ferrier, Leon Toombs, M. L. Wilson, Mrs. V. B. Sublett, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Roy F. Reid, Lester Patterson, V. M. Campbell, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. W. Toombs, B. T. Sublett, E. O. Carson, W. J. Sheppard, W. W. Haynes, J. T. Dennis, Jack D. West, Paul W. West, Fred Guitar, C. F. Curb, E. H. Clark, R. B. Irvin, Bryan Dunagin, Wrenn Durham, Roger A. Burgess, W. M. Gambill, W. F. Golladay, W. T. McAninch, M. S. Cummings, W. O. Boney, Earl Watts, S. G. Tipton, H. H. Toombs, Billye Derr, M. Armstrong, Walter Frazier, Yates Brown, C. O. Patterson, T. F. Patterson, W. T. Sadler, W. L. Fugate, W. H. Barnett, C. H. Jones, C. F. Church, Eli Case, Comer Haynes, E. M. McDonald, C. J. Glover, George E. Caple, G. L. White, E. V. Satterwhite, G. W. Boyce, Wheeler and Vaughn, Petty and West, P. H. Gates, Mrs. J. H. McDon-

DATES OF LEAGUE EVENTS ARE SET

Basketball Tourney to be Held February 7, 8 and 9, at Abilene Gymnasium.

Briggs Irvin, director of athletics of the Taylor County Interscholastic league meet, has announced that competitive schedules will be arranged Saturday of this week for the basketball tourney to be held in the Abilene high school gymnasium on February 7, 8 and 9.

Dates for other events and contests for Taylor county are: playground, volleyball, tennis and debate, March 16; choral singing, March 19; general events, March 22 and 23, and the one-act play tournament, March 23.

Winners of the county meet will then enter district and regional contests for right to enter the state meet held in Austin in May.

F. W. Hogue, Ovalo superintendent, is director-general; directors are: Mrs. Sybil McIver Powell, Tuscola, music memory; R. F. Elliott, Trent, declamation; H. O. Harris, Bradshaw, debate; Miss Georgia Mackey, Wylie, extemporaneous speech; Miss Cassie Williams, Fotosi, spelling; Mrs. Kate Causeaux, Cedar Gap, ready writers; Briggs Irvin, Merkel, athletics; J. A. Russell, Blair, rural schools; W. D. Smith, North Park, arithmetic; S. O. Murdock, Wylie, choral singing; Miss Esther Powers, Lawn, picture memory; Mrs. Wendell Foreman, Elmdale, one-act play, and Mrs. T. C. Weir, Buffalo Gap, story telling.

District Committeemen Perfect Organization

Selection of committeemen to administer cotton acreage control matters in Taylor county under the Bankhead act having been completed, a meeting of the committeemen from the six districts and the county committee was being held Thursday afternoon in the office of County Farm Agent C. Metz Heald. Organization was to be perfected and general plans for the county program were to be discussed at the session.

Committeemen for district 2, named last Friday in an election held here, are: D. I. Shelton of Merkel, John Crane of Trent and W. C. Perkins of Blair-Mulberry. Alternates are Leon Toombs of Merkel, W. E. Hamner of Trent and Dewell McClain of Blair.

County committeemen who will serve again this year, are Walter Hammond of Tye, H. B. Robertson of Abilene and H. S. Nail of Bradshaw.

10,000 Jack Rabbits Killed. Vega, Oldham Co., Texas, Jan. 31.—Ten thousand crop-eating jack rabbits bit the dust near here Friday as 300 hunters, including a dozen women, waged relentless warfare on the long-eared pests.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Sunday, January 27, 1935.

CRASH FATAL TO WALTER PETERS

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peters Succumbs to Injuries in Automobile Accident.

Injuries received in an automobile crash on the highway about three miles west of Merkel Friday morning resulted in the death of Walter Peters, age 16, in an Abilene hospital at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in the chapel of the Kiker-Knight Funeral home, Abilene, conducted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, of which the young man was a member. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery, Abilene.

The accident, from which Walter received a fractured skull and other injuries, occurred when a tire on an automobile driven by A. R. Wren of Dallas blew out, throwing the Wren car in the path of the machine occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peters and their son, Walter. Wren and two others riding with him received only minor injuries.

Mr. Peters, the youth's father, received injuries to the extent that he could not leave the hospital to attend his son's funeral.

Having closed his grocery store here the first of the year, Mr. Peters had planned to remove to Lubbock with his family to engage in business there, and he and his wife and son were en route to Lubbock when the accident occurred.

Besides his parents, Walter is survived by two brothers, J. H. Peters, superintendent of schools at Bledsoe, and Loftin Peters, a student in Texas Tech at Lubbock. Walter had been attending high school here prior to his withdrawal in order to move to Lubbock.

The following out-of-town relatives were present for the funeral: Mrs. W. L. McGill of George, grandmother of Walter Peters; an aunt, Edna Peters of Normangee; an uncle, J. R. Donohue of George; an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peters of Fort Worth; a sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Peters, of Bledsoe.

Baptist WMU Holds Study Institute

At the study institute of the Woman's Missionary unions of the Sweetwater association, held in the First Baptist church, Abilene, Tuesday, Mrs. J. L. Winter held a special mission study class, using as a textbook, "At the Gate of Asia."

The institute was in the nature of all-day session, beginning with a devotional at 9:30 Tuesday morning, led by Mrs. Millard A. Jenkins, wife of the pastor of the host church.

Others besides Mrs. Winter from here who attended were Mrs. Sam Swann and Mrs. C. R. Joyner.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Texas senators Tuesday rejected by vote of 18 to 10 ratification of the federal child labor amendment for the third time since it was submitted in 1924.

A heart attack closed the colorful career of W. W. (Uncle Billie) Nelson, who came to West Texas in 1886 and was elected first sheriff of Scurry county when it was organized in 1884.

A new asteroid bears the name of "McDonalda" in honor of the late W. J. McDonald of Paris, Texas, who bequeathed nearly \$1,000,000 for a University of Texas astronomical observatory.

Jed C. Adams, 59, member of the United States board of tax appeals and former democratic national committeeman from Texas, died at Washington, D. C., Tuesday night of pneumonia.

Construction of Stamford's \$155,000 water project was formally started Tuesday when Mayor E. P. Bunkley lifted the first shovel of dirt from the site where the new reservoir will be built.

The senate Wednesday confirmed the three Allied appointees to the Livestock Sanitary commission: Dave Nelson of Orange, chairman, Roy Jackson of Laredo and R. H. Martin of Del Rio.

Texas' youngest county judge, Judge J. B. Earnest, who was 21 on the last day for registration as a candidate for office, will preside Monday at the first term of county court in Kent county.

Sam Jay, young Haskell county man, was acquitted on an instructed verdict in 104th district court, Abilene, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his brother-in-law, Herschel Melton.

Buford O. Brown, former resident of Fort Worth and former editor of newspapers in West Texas towns, was found dead in his car near Saratoga, Cal. Police said death was apparently caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Eight indictments charging Mrs. Dora Bullock Frost, 46, and her estranged second husband, George Frost, 40, with murder of four members of the woman's family by poisoning were returned by the Harris county grand jury.

Judge A. T. McKinney of Huntsville, whose father was a member of the constitutional convention of 1875, was elected member of the legislature from district 29 to fill the vacancy created when Gordon Burns, also of Huntsville, was elected state senator. J. T. Davis, Sterling City ranchman and president of First National bank there, was elected president of the Texas Production Credit association, succeeding Guinn Williams, who resigned to become president of the Texas Wool and Mohair company at San Angelo.

MERKEL LIONS CLUB SPONSOR BIRTHDAY FETE

Crowd of 150 Enjoy Entertainment Program, Games and General Festivities, With New Gym the Locale.

Merkel's new gymnasium-auditorium was the setting for the Roosevelt birthday observance locally on Wednesday evening of this week, the affair having been sponsored by the Lions club, of which Charlie Jones is president. Probably 150 assembled to join in the festivities, a part of the proceeds of which went to swell the general fund for relief of crippled children.

Dr. R. I. Grimes, as chairman of the club's committee on arrangements, was master of ceremonies for the evening's program, which opened with the singing of "America" led by Yates Brown and all joining in. Mrs. Brown was at the piano for this and the succeeding vocal numbers. Following the patriotic song, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, was asked to give the invocation. The chairman, after extending a welcome to all, introduced the following entertainment features: Miss Christine Collins sang two "New Deal" numbers, "The Road is Open Again," "There's a New Day Comin'"; Delma Compton and Olin Lusby in a duet rendition of "Home on the Range," said to be the president's favorite, followed by "Twilight Hour" for encore; two readings, happily selected and cleverly depicted, by Mrs. R. O. Pearson, and the program concluding with the familiar ballads, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," by Delma Compton.

Guests then mingled freely indulging in games of "42", anagrams and "beans." Popcorn and peanuts were available in quantities and the evening passed in gay informality into history.

Assisting Dr. Grimes from the Lions club were Fred Hughes, Carlton Vick and R. M. Ferguson, while a ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames Charlie Jones, Yates Brown, Fred Hughes, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes and Miss Christine Collins, actively handled the party details.

Pay Cut Restored. Washington, Jan. 31.—The house Wednesday approved restoration of the remaining five per cent pay cuts of government employes on April 1. The raise was approved Monday by the senate.

Favors 8 Hour-Day. Austin, Jan. 31.—The Texas house Wednesday passed a bill to limit employment on state public works to eight hours daily.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 5, 1915.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and two sons, William and James, came in last Thursday from Brawley, California, where they have been making their home the past two years. Miss Jessie O'Briant and Frank O'Briant, eldest daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Briant, remained at Brawley and will not return here for the present at least.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus, who has been in Cisco visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Brabbins, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Young and little daughter, Alice Glenn, who have been visiting their parents and grandparents, left Saturday for their home at Lampasas.

Miss Lou Sears of Whitewright is visiting her brother, Jno. Sears, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright of Trent were visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips of Dora were in Merkel Tuesday in their car.

Ocie Burns and Price Banner left

Tuesday for Gainesville where they will be for sometime.

J. Parker Sharp, who has been in Dallas for some time, has returned home and is now a full fledged member of the insurance dispensing fraternity.

Little Misses Murphy Thomas and Maurine Cobb were in Trent visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Walter Holt, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten returned home Sunday evening from Marlin and other points in East Texas, where they spent two weeks. When seen at his store Monday morning Mr. Parten seemed much benefited by the trip and highly pleased with his January business during his absence.

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Fort Stockton came in the first of the week to visit Mesdames J. W. Daniel, J. D. Gaiher and other friends.

Misses Jinkens, McLendon, Huffaker and Payne motored to Abilene on Saturday, returning the same day.

W. B. Leeman, a former Merkel citizen, came in from Brady Tuesday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton, and to look after business matters.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

PAUL MEETS HIS FATE.

After about two years, as we suppose, the case against Paul was dismissed for lack of prosecution, and he made another journey of which we get scattered glimpses in his two epistle to Timothy and the one to Titus. He had been in Crete and other islands and again at Troas. There is a verse which seems inconsequential, but it is luminous; it comes in the sad but triumphant ending of his last letter to Timothy, pleading with him to come to Rome and help care for him, and to bring Mark. Paul had learned that Mark was a better man than he had thought him.

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. . . . The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

When had Paul been at Troas? The only occasion on which we saw him there was in 51, and this was 58! Was he asking for a cloak that he had left seven years before? No, he must have been out of prison and making another great swing around his circle, when he was arrested a second time.

His second imprisonment was very different. No longer was he in his own house but, if we may trust tradition, was in the Mamerline prison. The difference was that the first offense was only against the Jews, while now Christianity had grown so fast that the Roman government had begun to fear. How long his second imprisonment lasted we do not know, but there came the dark day when they led him out and killed him. Peter, if we are to believe tradition, had also come to Rome and when sentenced to die asked to be crucified head downward, deeming himself unworthy to be killed in the same manner as his Lord—a magnificent touch of sentiment in a rough old saint.

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THE BOOK

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It is almost certain that Nero blotted out these great lives. We have an epistle of Peter's written from "Babylon," by which we suppose he meant Rome, and at the time of writing it he seems not to have been in any immediate danger. But the text came, and he met it gloriously. As for Paul, he died triumphant.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

And nobly had he won it. But to the end he wanted books, and white paper; and he besought his young friend Timothy not to forget them. More knowledge to gain, more epistles to write! His conquering soul went marching on.

So we end our glance at the Epistles.

Next Week: A Misunderstood Book.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and daughter, Miss Ouida Mae, of San Angelo, are visiting friends here and at Trent this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jay and family from Gorman spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague and two daughters paid a week-end visit to Mrs. Teague's brother, Bill Keith, and family at McAdoo.

Floyd Davis, accompanied by his brother, Homer Laney, made a week-end visit with her husband, Floyd Davis, who is employed at McCamey.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner have as their guest since Friday Mrs. Edwin Kirchhoff of Plainview. Mr. Kirchhoff is expected to join his wife for the week-end.

J. A. Meeks, a former resident of this section, who had been here accompanied by his son, Delmar Ray, visiting a daughter, Mrs. Ed Dye, returned to his home at Post Friday.

Mrs. W. L. Barnett returned Sunday from Austin where she has been visiting for the past ten days. Mrs. R. N. Boase, her sister-in-law, returned to spend two weeks in the Barnett home here.

C. J. Glover returned Monday from a combined business and pleasure visit to Waco, Austin and Dallas. He was accompanied as far as Waco by C. B. Williams, who remained there for a longer visit.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes accompanied her daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, to Austin Thursday where the latter will start a course in business in administration. Mrs. S. D. Gamble also made the trip with Mrs. Grimes and will visit her son, David Gamble, student in the University of Texas.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the kindnesses, for the assistance and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved son and brother; also for aid and comfort in the illness of our father and husband. Words cannot express our thanks and we shall always hold remembrance of your tenderness and sympathy in our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peters.
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Peters.
Loftin Peters.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news-items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

SMU'S Pigskin Review. Coming to Paramount Stage on February 7

If one word were to be chosen which better describes than any other the Pigskin Review, which will be presented in Abilene by SMU's Mustang band on Thursday, February 7, matinee and night at the Paramount theatre, it certainly would be variety. If one can imagine a musical program that contains bits of every kind of music and a combination of vaudeville skits and acts presenting everything from slap-stick college comedy to good singing and popular song and magic, if one can imagine all this brought into one glorious show, then he will have some idea of the entertainment that awaits him.

One Texas newspaper in a city where the Mustang band appeared several days ago with its complete show stated it thus: "With all the fervor and excitement that seethes through a packed stadium when the S. M. U. football eleven takes the field, the crowd of more than a thousand people that witnessed last night's performance declared it to be one of the most unusual ever presented here, and the ovation given each act of the program proved the appreciation of the audience."

The Mustang band, under the direction of Bob Goodrich, will offer thrilling college marches, light classical selections and, in their distinctive manner, popular music. Blaine Johnson and his orchestra, a twelve-piece stage aggregation, will present the latest of popular tunes and novelty selections. The popular co-eds will be there with their harmonies. There will be crazy college comedians bringing to the stage their popular campus capers, skits, magic, duets, solos, trios, quartettes—all brought into one big Pigskin Review designed to please every type of audience, young and old, classical and popular-minded.

MEEKS-WILLIAMS.

Miss Anna Williams and Truett Meeks drove over to Sweetwater on Saturday, January 26, where they were married, and returned to announce the news to their friends.

Mrs. Meeks is the daughter of Will Williams, a prosperous farmer of the Goodman community, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks of this city.

A host of friends are extending congratulations and best wishes to this popular young couple.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offers. See us before you renew.

Honor Roll

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Aubrey Shouse, 93; Dwight Swafford, 92; Evelyn Sears, 92; Lee Mack Reynolds, 91; Margaret Sharp, 91; Truett Perry, 90; Bonnie McAninch, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Agerton.
Bob Williamson, 95; Doris Clyde Miller, 95; Maurine Steele, 94; Roy Owens, 94; O. C. Shouse, 93; Louise Patterson, 92; Tillman Rutledge, 92; Leola Marshall, 91; Betty Jo Speck, 90; Theda Perry, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan.
Becky Gardner, 96; Dora Marie Gaither, 96; Tommy Evelyn Grimes, 95; Alene Cox, 92; Virgie Mae Henry, 90; David Gibson, 90; Mary Lu Higgins, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Ledger.
Doris Gay West, 94; Don Wood, 94; Betty Jo Reid, 92; Guy Mancil, 90.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.
Eulalda Fox, 93; Helen Heeter, 93; Aelo Mae Cypert, 92; Bettie Jane Diltz, 92; Frances Hester, 92; Billy Largent, 92; Bonnie Church, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
Mabel Murray, 96; Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billie Wood, 96; W. I. Wozencraft, 94; Pearl Mathews, 92; Verne Moore, 92; Wilma McAninch, 92; Mattie Reynolds, 92; Kenneth Niell, 91; Mary Nell Morgan, 91; Lois Rossen, 91; Don Warren, 91; Frances Owen, 90; Mary Love Tipton, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Evelyn Ensminger, 96; Mary Jo Garland, 94; Pauline Hellums, 94; Francis Catts, 93; Mildred Bird, 92; Laverne Harwell, 92; Joyce Hayes, 92; Maurine Huddleston, 92; Comora Hughes, 92; Archie Farr, 91; Udell Camp, 91.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.
Dorothy Sue Bird, 94; Janell Black, 94; Fredia Farmer, 94; Ainsworth Gates, 94; Pauline Joyner, 92; Lila Beth Anthony, 92; Aline Parks, 92; O. D. Blair, 92; Frank Dye, 92; T. L. Reid, 92; L. S. Tipton, 92; Wade Ensminger, 91; Hollis Perry, 91; Marvin Hunter, 91; Maurice Sherrill, 91; Marie Davis, 90; Louise Richie, 90.

Sophomore Class.
Jane Ferguson, 95; Roy Hagler, 95; Grimes, 94; Billie Dunning, 94; Pauline McAninch, 93; Clifford Williams, 93; Juanita Bishop, 92; Marvin Perkins, 92; La Verne Hughes, 92; Lucy Faye Russom, 90; Ruthie Davis, 90; Le Roy Hester, 90; Weldon Davis, 90.

Junior Class.
Clifton Bellamy, 96; Juanita Huskey, 96; Ora Derrick, 93; Hugh Leonard, 93; John Leonard, 93; Eva Faye Bush, 92; Victor Joyner, 92; Horace Boney, 91; Murry Toombs, 91; Vernon Davis, 90; Criswell Doan, 90; Odell Latimer, 90.

Senior Class.
Aline McAninch, 95; Vivian Davis, 95; Billie B. Gambill, 95; Clara F.

Largent, 95; Kathryn Russell, 94; Horace Daniels, 94; Randall McNiece, 94; Anna Lou Church, 94; Gladys Mashburn, 94; Thelma Mathews, 93; Robert Bickley, 92; Veda Hellen Bradley, 92; Mabel Butman, 92; Juanez Jones, 92; Frances Scoggin, 92; Robbie Walker, 92; Verner Hester, 91; J. V. Patterson, 91; Doris Mae Barron, 91; Jesse M. Berry, 91; Leslie Welsh, 90; Lena Faye Harrell, 90.

Wife of Milam Pike of Bogota Passes Away

Mrs. Milam Pike died Monday at her home at Bogata, at which place funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. Her infant daughter had been buried Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Pee, mother of Milam Pike, had gone to Bogata the week before because of her daughter-in-law's critical illness. Mrs. M. R. Pike, grandmother, and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Miss Hallie Pike, sisters of Mr. Pike, went from here to attend the funeral.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Pike is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Woodrow Wozencraft, proprietor of Woogy's Cafe, has leased the Boney building adjoining his former location and is removing there this week. Work of renovating the building is practically complete and Woogy expects to be ready for business in his new location Saturday.

A new filling station handling Conoco products opened this week in the Rock Garage on Front street, with Lloyd Perry in charge.

Mrs. Weldon Lucas, who underwent an appendix operation at her home last Saturday was reported Thursday morning as convalescing satisfactorily, having been able to sit up for a short while.

H. L. Duffer, agent, and Jimmy Toombs, joint manager of one of the local Conoco stations, attended the monthly zone meeting of agents of the Continental Oil company held Tuesday afternoon at the Hilton hotel, Abilene.

Beginning this week Mrs. Gladys McLean assumed the duties of office assistant to Dr. R. I. Grimes. Benny Sheppard also is attached to Dr. Grimes' staff as technician and laboratory assistant.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

TWO KINDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, GOOD AND BAD

The basketball boys want to extend their appreciation for the large crowd that was present Tuesday night at the opening of the Gym. They also wish to remind everyone that a good sport is one who always backs his team by being present if possible and yelling when he gets there (providing he doesn't "boo.")

A bad sport is one who boos the referee when he calls a play in favor of the opposing team. Don't ever be that kind of a person, because, as a rule, the referee is conscientious in his decisions. Just because some one else "boos," you don't have to. Be a good sport—and don't "boo."

For the benefit of those who witnessed their first game Tuesday night we want to give you some of the rules. They are as follows:

Charging—the rushing and coming in contact with another player. Penalty, one free throw by opposing team.

Hacking—Hitting at the ball when it is in possession of another player and hitting the player instead. Penalty, one free throw, unless the player was throwing for the goal. He is given two free throws then. If he made the goal when he threw, he is given his points and one free throw.

Double dribbling—Bouncing the ball, catching it and bouncing it again before it comes into possession of another player. Penalty, ball is called outside and given to the opposing team.

Traveling—the moving of more than one foot when not bouncing the ball. Penalty, ball is called outside and given to the opposing team.

Technical personal foul—Called by the referee on the audience for misconduct, also a player's going into the game when the ball isn't dead.

Overguarding is a person's body coming into contact with his opponents. Penalty, one free throw by the opposing team.

Basketball is unlike football in that the "cooler" one stays the better game he can play. If he gets angry in football, it will probably make him play better, but in basketball, vice versa.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

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Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Tracy Wood.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham visited with relatives at Sulphur, Okla., the past week and Mrs. Windham remained for an indefinite time. Mr. Windham returned home Saturday.

Messrs. Claud Derrington, Carl Hughes and Jim Cavette are doing jury service at Abilene this week.

Prof. Ozell Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Clark and daughter, Miss Leola Marie, Misses Lola Tate, Elizabeth Duck and Christine Walker, Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Wylie and Mrs. J. T. Ross of Sweetwater attended the singing at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chandler and family have moved to Clyde to live for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and little son, Teddie, of Clyde, visited their

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Robert Malone.

Robert, as we assure you, does most of his thinking in quotation marks. He favors, not the proposed five-day school week, but a five-day week-end. We sometimes wonder if Robert sleeps as soundly at night with his eyes shut as he does in his classes with eyes wide open. One would be surprised, though, at the knowledge he can assemble while appearing in this state, for one never sees red marks on Robert's card.

FILLERFDS lv nRR

Race horses, trained to run without jockeys, are attracting attention in Mexico, where this innovation in racing was made.

The Blue Nile in Africa was so called from the dark color of its silt-laden waters.

Tuberculosis is more frequent in men than in women.

Matches can be waterproofed by dipping the heads in a creamy solution made by dissolving shellac in denatured alcohol.

The first Canadian Expeditionary Force departed for France on October 3, 1914.

Only Mohammedans are allowed to drive automobiles in Arabia.

It has been estimated that Americans eat a million doughnuts daily.

CHAPEL.

The chapel program Tuesday consisted of a song, "Sundown," sung by Clara Frances Largent, Anna Lou Church and Mildred West, an excellent speech by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene, and short speeches concerning basketball by Bussie Boaz and Mr. Irvin.

As usual, Dr. Surface's speech consisted primarily of jokes and moral teachings. Some of the jokes follow:

Why is a girl's mind cleaner than a boy's?—Because she changes it more often.

A young lady who had just finished playing a piano solo asked her boy friend,

"George, how did you like my execution?"

"I'm in favor of it."

Two young ladies were discussing their favorite subject—boys.

"I wonder if girls like conceited boys as well as the other kind."

"What other kind?"

VOLLEY BALL.

My this is an exciting time! Volley ball season has started. Thursday evening about thirty girls gathered in the new Gym for a little practice. There was also practicing Friday af-

HAMLIN PIED PIPERS DEFEAT MERKEL 35-28

Hamlin's Pied Pipers won Friday night over the Badgers by a score of 35 to 28. The game was a thriller and the score indicated how close it really was. First one team and then the other would lead in the last half. The Badgers held the advantage of leading all through the first half, at the end of which they led by one point.

In the last half Hamlin went ahead to stay and piled up a nice lead. With less than a minute to play Hamlin was leading by nine points. Derrick, substitute, scored from close range to cut the score to seven points. A few seconds later the game ended with Hamlin the victor.

The whole Badger squad showed up well and showed every one that they can play ball.

The squad shows up better in every game that they play and show prospects of developing into a good team before the season is over.

The scrub team gave an exciting demonstration against Hamlin's scrub team, too.

ternoon and some on the team look very promising. The team has not really organized yet but with Miss Patterson's help the girls hope to have a good team and accomplish much this year.

WANTED.

If anyone happens to have an extra sack of nice, juicy, red apples that Aline can get away with please notify her.

She has said that all those nice apples that she escaped with after the last dramatic club meeting are all gone and they didn't give her indigestion, so she wants to try it again sometime.

JOKES.

Both Alike.

"So you refuse to renew your dog license? Don't you know it has expired?" asked the collector gravely.

"Yes, sir, I know the license has expired; but so has the dog," calmly replied Dick West.

The Easy and The Hard.

"The Merkel High School Girl." She could swing a six pound dumbbell, She could fence and she could box She could row upon the river, She could clamber amongst the rocks; She could golf from morn till evening And play tennis all day long But she couldn't help her mother 'Cause she wasn't very strong!

Sylvan had got converted and was conducting his first religious service and everything went well until he almost forgot his surroundings and announced:

"We will now sing three ninety-eight, reduced from \$4.50."

You Don't Say!!

1. Anna Lou and Durward had been engaged fifteen years, and still he had not asked her to name the wedding day. One evening when he called in a meditative frame of mind and asked her to sing something tender, she responded, with much feeling and sang, "Darling, I am growing old."

2. "Ah," sighed Robert H., "if you would only give me the least hope, I—" "Gracious!" interrupted Mabel M. "I've given you the least hope I ever gave a man."

3. Betty Grimes entered a crowded street car with a pair of skates over her arm. An elderly gentleman arose to give her his seat. "Thank you very much," Betty said, "but I've been skating all afternoon, and I'm tired of sitting down."

4. The fifth day drew to a close with the twelfth jurymen still unconvinced. The court was impatient.

"Well, gentlemen," said the court officer, "shall I order as usual, twelve dinners?"

"Make it," said the foreman, "eleven dinners and a bale of hay."

Bud: "What are the differences between an' ole maid and a married woman?"

Jr. G.: "I give up, what?"

Bud went on: "The ole maid is lookin' for a husband every day and the married woman is lookin' every night."

"What could be more sad than a man without a country?" feelingly asked Mrs. Irvin.

"A country without a man," promptly responded Hazel Blair.

Mr. Burgess, upon returning home late at night, heard a noise and asked:

"Is someone there?"

"No," answered the burglar under the bed.

"That's strange," mused Mr. Burgess. "I was positive someone was under my bed."

Fifty million dollars was his fortune when he died

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Yes, he left it all behind him, and it cannot be denied

That he's just as dead today as if he hadn't left a cent.

—Grit.

Jr. G.: "Doesn't it give you a terrible feeling to run over a man?"

Joe C.: "Well, if he's a large man, it does give a pretty rough jolt."

Mrs. Haynes: "Now, let's give 'Little drops of water,' and put some spirit in it."

Mr. Burgess (whispering): "Be careful, mam. This is a temperance school. Better say, 'Put some ginger in it.'"

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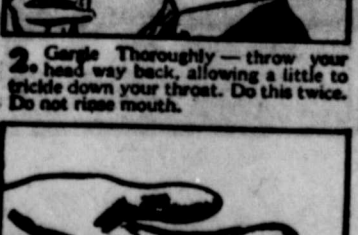
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TRAILS' END

FINAL INSTALLMENT.

In the living room he took a wallet from his pocket, and from it extracted a neat oblong of paper. Cleo came close to a gasp of surprise, but she checked it in time.

It was a check for five thousand dollars, drawn to the order of James M. Kennedy.

"Kennedy! Why, that's my name on it! He's been forging it for five thousand dollars! He was one of our chauffeurs but I discharged him. Thank you so much!"

She held out her hand, but Gage tucked the check back in his wallet. "No thanks, I'll keep it as evidence. I have a signed statement from Kennedy, too. I'm going to put them both in safe deposit."

For a few seconds Cleo felt very, very cold. And very angry, but she merely moved a petulant shoulder.

"You're terribly mysterious. I'm afraid I don't follow you."

"Think hard," he suggested, "and maybe you'll remember. It's not such an everyday matter to pay somebody ten thousand dollars to get another woman out of your way."

"You are simply outrageous!" Her face was flaming now, but fear was crowding her close. "That's a ridiculous thing to say. And do you think that anyone would doubt my word against that of a discharged chauffeur—a broken-down gambler and—?" She stopped, realizing that she had said too much. Gage gave her a brief smile.

"You're well posted on his record, aren't you? And you didn't discharge him, he left. I have evidence of that, too. I also have detailed affidavits covering some of your conversations with Kennedy. One of them is particularly instructive. That was the time you tried to buy back this check from him. Maybe you recollect that you'd had a new footman recently, who didn't stay very long. He was an operative from a detective agency."

"Really? Perhaps you'll tell me that he was a detective too! It's too bad that he was shot the same night that your wife's sister staged a front page exit over that cliff!"

"Maybe he was. But be a little more careful of your speech, please."

"Young woman, you've been playing a risky game, and you've lost it. It was worse than risky, it was a dirty game, and if the story ever came out you would be a long time living it down. And if your father should get wind of it, and the way you've let yourself in for blackmail, he'd pack you off somewhere. Ambrose is pretty easy with you, but he has his limits."

"I shouldn't think you could afford to talk about blackmail!" Cleo blazed at him. "I suppose you mean that you are going to hold your precious documents over my head to keep me from telling."

"Call it anything you please. But get this idea firmly in your head—this thing is going to stop right here. You are going to keep quiet about the whole business. I haven't told Duane yet about your attempt to railroad his wife, but at the first indiscretion he is going to get the whole nasty story. If I should die before you, the sealed papers will go to Nancy. Have I made myself clear?"

Gage had found the one weak spot in her hard little armor. Of all the people in the world, she could least endure to have Barry know what she had done to get him.

At the door he paused. "There's an express that goes through the Junction at seven. I've wired for a compartment for you, and Pety will take you over, Martha is packing your trunk now. I told her to Good-bye."

The door closed behind him.

When Nancy awoke it was mid-afternoon and someone was sitting on

an absurdly low stool beside her bed. He was bent over, with his head resting on his hands, and the stool was so low that the bowed head was only a little way from her finger tips where they rested limply on the bed. It was a brown head, with thick hair roughened in the way she had loved. It couldn't be real. She moved her hand to touch it.

"Oh—hello!" He tried so hard to be matter of fact—not to frighten her. "It's pretty nice to see you awake again."

"Nice!" She repeated it with dreamy content. Her hand went up slowly, and touched his cheek, and he caught hold of it and held it closer, turning his head to bury his lips in a soft pain.

"Sweet little Nancy! If you will just get well—and come back, there's nothing else in the world that's going to matter."

"Nice!" she said again, and released a happy sigh.

Under her groping fingers his cheek was suddenly wet.

"Trail's End," she murmured contentedly. "I was hoping—it would be."

She dropped off to sleep again, holding his hand.

There was still much to be done before life could go its normal way again. There was, as Gage bluntly put it, publicity to be thought of. A girl named Nancy Curtis, who had been drowned last May, must come to life again. The young doctor would be professionally discreet. Cleo had gone, but Gage had assured them that she would be unable to tell anything more than the version which they would give out. Barry received it without comment.

He went in to see Kennedy. "Getting in practice for a trip," Kennedy explained off-handedly. "The doctor is going to get an ambulance-rigged truck out here to start me off."

"How is Nancy?"

"Better. She—asked after you."

"Good little trouper." The hard black eyes softened for an instant. "They don't come any better than Nancy. You might—no, I'll say it in a letter. You needn't mind—it'll be perfectly proper."

"I don't. I've—learned things."

Kennedy broke the silence.

"I saw the former Mrs. Kennedy this morning. She was very careful not to look this way. I suppose they've made it up, and everything is all rosy again?"

"I think so," Barry was curt about it. He could not discuss the Gages' affairs with Jim Kennedy.

Barry wondered what Gage really thought of Paula. Gage was no dotting fool, but he loved his wife.

Barry thanked God for Nancy, and swung off for a walk.

They were back at the Perch again. Anne snuggled contentedly in a big chair in front of a whispering fire.

Publicity had swept over them like a wave and had gone, leaving them breathless but safe. There might have been privacy for some, but not for Nancy Curtis, who had glittered for a brief time and whose brother-in-law was a multi-millionaire.

Anne gave the whispering fire a little secret smile. Barry had been sweet about it.

Now the tumult had died, and life was their own again. Letters and telegrams had been pouring in and lay in drifts on the table and in her lap. And finally there was a letter from Mrs. Duane. It was addressed to

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Barry and it was restrained and frugal of emotion, but Anne knew how difficult those few careful sentences had been. "I'll do my share," Anne thought, and felt a twinge of pity. "She is Barry's mother. I'll do all that she will let me."

Aloud she said: "It was nice of your mother to release you from your promise about living in Granleigh. I know it is hard for her. But she'll be terribly proud of you. If you can get away, perhaps we could go back for a little while, maybe at Thanksgiving or Christmas—if she would like it."

"Why—that sounds good to me." His eyes warmed. "With the salary that I'm to draw as president of the new company, we can make it a real party."

His eyes went back to some telegrams which lay open on the table. He knew them by heart. One was from this Mammoth Pictures Corporation whose hard-won contract Nancy had once had to let go. It offered a star contract now, with nearly twice the salary. The other was from Amalgamated, adding a bonus on every picture.

He fingered the yellow sheets and looked soberly across at her.

"You know," he said hurriedly, "it's all right, Nancy—if you want to. I mean—I wouldn't stand in your way."

She knew how much that had cost him, how he hated the very thought of her living a life like that—and of losing her.

"Thanks for that, Barry. I've been thinking about it, of course. It seems as if I'd never really finished anything that I began. I had a job in a little town, and then Paula went away and I gave it up to follow her and got another in a big town. And I let that go for my first little part in a new play, and after two years I left the stage to go to Hollywood—and I ran away from that and bought a ranch. And then I tried being married for a while—just a very little while. If you don't mind, I think I'd like to stay around and make a good job of that."

Something swooped. Barry picked her up out of the big chair, and the letters and telegrams went swishing down like rain.

(THE END.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keltz and son, Junior, and Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon spent a few hours here Sunday evening visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford.

Mrs. Ansel Martin of Sweetwater was guest for a few days the past week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Bill Nalley of Tom Ball is spending a few days here visiting his sister, Mrs. G. Bryan, and brother, Joe Nalley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and two children, Doyal and Mary Sue, and Mrs. E. Howell were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin and attended the wedding of Miss Dorothy Boyd at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

Miss Ola Pearl Casey was a guest Sunday in the J. E. Bowers home.

Miss Maimie Robinson, who is working in Ranger, was guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robinson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes and son, Bobby, spent the week-end with relatives at Haskell.

Mrs. Andy Shouse and Miss Opal Freeman spent Saturday afternoon in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Messenger of Odessa were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billington.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and little daughter spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. They were en route to Junction, to which place they are moving.

Miss George Helen Lee and little Miss Kathleen Bryan were guests of relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Strawn returned to their home at Royalty Wednesday after a visit of several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Miss Virgie Strawn.

Mrs. Timan Howell entertained a number of friends Wednesday afternoon of last week with a prettily planned party, naming Mrs. Roscoe Owens as honoree.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Little Master Billie C ne Billington was honored last Friday after school hours with a birthday party at

the school house, celebrating his tenth birthday. Many useful gifts were received and refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to thirty-two of his little friends and number of grown-ups.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
"Buying Problems of the Home" were discussed by the Home Demonstration club of the Trent community Wednesday afternoon, centering in a round table discussion about a consumer's selection of materials.

A short business meeting was held and plans were made for a program to be given at a later date.

Those present were Mesdames H. T. Ogletree, club president, Mrs. Hosca Winn, secretary, Ed Burks, A. W. Woods, A. C. Wash, Marvin Murdock, H. H. Jones, J. T. Vessels, John Payne, C. R. Shannon, Roy Elliott, M. G. Scott, H. Kegans, G. C. Johnson and Roger Williams.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.
Woodmen Circle No. 668 met Thursday afternoon. Talks for the good of the society were made by Mrs. Burks, past guardian, Mrs. Crane, advisor, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, chaplain, and Mrs. J. R. Gafford, secretary.

Mrs. O. L. Bishop was elected advisor to succeed Mrs. John Crane, resigned, and plans were made to start

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RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met in the home of Miss Celia Hester on Thursday, January 24, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Sr., the president, called the meeting to order and Miss Hester was leader for the season, "Buying Problems of the Home Maker."

Mrs. Ollie Higgins and Mrs. F. L. Castleberry were each awarded a "basket." Mrs. W. C. Lee, winner in the joke contest, was awarded a handkerchief.

The hostess passed popcorn balls and molasses taffy to the following members: Mesdames W. C. Lee, J. S. Pinckley, Sr., F. L. Castleberry, Luther Land, Angus Garvin, Roy Harrell, Guy McClain, W. J. Higgins, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene and Miss Ruth Pinckley. Visitors were Mrs. Edna McClain, Mrs. J. R. Hester and Miss Cynthia Rister.

The next meeting will be on February 7, with Mrs. Ollie Higgins. The title of the program will be "Storage Space for Clothing" by the wardrobe demonstrators.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.

Mrs. Dora Knox was hostess to members of the Eskota Woman's Home Demonstration club at her home on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. B. Johnston gave a demonstration of tufting bedspreads, pillow tops, etc.

Mrs. A. D. Dodson was appointed first year pantry demonstrator and Miss Lydia Bullard, first year wardrobe demonstrator.

Those present included Mesdames D. I. Trent, W. J. Farley, C. B. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, H. A. Johnston, A. E. Bullard, M. R. Scott, Miss Lydia Bullard and the hostess.

The club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. D. Dodson on Tuesday afternoon, February 12, at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

NOODLE CLUB.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met on Wednesday, January 23,

at the Baptist church, with the chairman, Mrs. J. M. Williamson, presiding. Roll call was answered with "What I Can Do to Improve My Meat." Mrs. Carl Bonneaux gave a report of the council meeting in Anson on the 19th and Mrs. C. C. Bristow discussed "The Garden Plan" and read goals for club members.

Miss Sue Bonner met with the club to bid all goodbye. Miss Faulkner from Knox county will be the new agent.

Those present were Mesdames J. M. Williamson, Gene Reece, Carl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago, C. C. Bristow, Bessie Merritt and Carl Jackson.

The next regular meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. C. C. Bristow on February 13 for a tile demonstration. All are invited to come and bring a covered dish.

BLAIR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. E. J. Osborn extended gracious hospitality to twenty-four members of the Blair Home Demonstration club in her home on Thursday, January 24. The meeting was presided over by the president in the absence of the present secretary-treasurer, Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, who offered her resignation. Mrs. Virgilee Doan was elected to this office for 1935. Mrs. Edwin Dusick offered her resignation as club council member and Mrs. Luther Orsborn was elected council member for 1935.

The following committee was appointed by the club to select the cast for the club play: Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Ed Sandusky and John Russell.

A program of the three AAA's was discussed by the club members in three parts, this concluding the business hour.

Mrs. Howard Brown received the gift basket, after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Luther Orsborn,

passed dainty refreshment plates of cake, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

John Dunn and Family Removing to Seymour

John Dunn, local manager of the Western Produce company, is moving this week with his family to Seymour where he will have charge of the produce headquarters there of the same concern.

John is a Merkel-reared boy, of a pioneer family, and has made good in the produce business, being both a hard and untiring worker and a man whose experience counts for much.

Merkel regrets to lose the John Dunns, but Seymour is the gainer. John says, however, that he will also retain the management here of the local produce house, with his brother, E. E. Dunn, actively in charge.

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Originally produced in Detroit at the national Chevrolet dealer conven-

tion, the pageant depicts the company's founding and growth, and is being reproduced at Dallas in connection with a pre-showing—first in the state—of Chevrolet's new 1935 master de luxe model.

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Red and White	PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, each	19c
Green	BEANS, No. 2 can, each	10c
Kuner's	PEAS, No. 2 can, each	15c
Iowa Club	CORN, No. 2 can, each	12c
Nile	SALMON, tall can, 2 for	25c
Red and White	POTTED MEAT, 4 cans	15c

Red & White SOUP WEEK

Red and White	Tomato Soup, 10 oz. can, 3 for	23c
Red and White	Soup, vegetable & veg. beef, 3 cans	27c
Ready To Serve	Soup, 16 oz. can, 2 for	27c
Calumet	BAKING POWDER, pound	23c
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Red and White	COFFEE 1 lb.	33c
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Banquet Sliced	BACON, pound	30c
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KING-ADCOCK.
A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was solemnized at six o'clock Monday evening in a pretty home ceremony when Miss Frances Adcock became the bride of Harold C. King. The Rev. Flavil R. Yeakley officiated in the presence of only the members of the immediate families.

The bride is the very attractive, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock. She was a leader of school activities, graduating in 1934, and during the fall term attended Abilene Christian college.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King, a young man of sterling character; is superintendent of the young people's department of the Baptist Sunday School.

A host of friends extend best wishes to this popular young couple. After a wedding trip to Mineral Wells Mr. and Mrs. King will be at home on the Thornton farm.

DELAYED SOCIETY.
Members of the Gleaner class were delightfully entertained in the Methodist church parlors on the afternoon of Jan. 15 when Mesdames Baccus, Toombs and Tipton were co-hostesses. Mrs. Earl Mashburn brought the devotional, which was followed by the class song, Little Miss Betty Jane Gates gave a reading and was assisted in presenting a one-act play by Miss Bonnie Church.

New Year's resolutions were made and at the refreshment hour delicious sandwiches, cookies, olives and hot chocolate were passed to Rev. Gates, Mesdames Crow and Clark, visitors, and class members present were Mesdames Case, Gates, Guitar, Sublett, Church, Mashburn, Latham, Hicks, Buck Mashburn, Richardson and the hostesses.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.
Mrs. R. I. Grimes was a charming hostess on Thursday evening of last week, entertaining members of the Fortnightly Study club in a double lesson. Mrs. W. S. J. Brown led the first discussion on "Argentina (and Uruguay) since 1862." Assisting Mrs. Brown on this program were Mrs. Evelyn Curb and Mesdames Fred Hughes and W. T. Sadler.

The second lesson was under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Gardner and she had Mesdames C. H. Jones and Henry West, Misses Christine Collins, Stell Ledger and Helen Patterson as her able assistants on the topic "Brazil since 1870."

Plans for a 1935-36 study course were made and a benefit Valentine tea was discussed informally by the club membership.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson Friday afternoon when members filled out their year books.

After the business meeting refreshments were served to Mesdames C. P. Church, F. A. Polley, E. B. Wallace, George White, W. A. McCandless, E. O. Carson, Watt Blair, Lake Renfro, Tye Sublett, Miss Luna White, Mrs. Berryman, Misses Maurine and Clara White. New members were Mesdames Tracy Campbell and O. D. Pruitt.

EVANS-DAYVAULT.
The marriage of Miss Jeanette Dayvault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harold Moore, to Rufford O. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Evans, was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the Highland Park Methodist church, Dallas, with Dr. Humphrey Lee, pastor, officiating.

Old-time residents will recall the Evans family; some 15 years ago they left Merkel but are still remembered here.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Due to a sudden change in the weather only 626 were present last Sunday at the six reporting Sunday Schools here, as compared with 779 last Sunday. A year ago the attendance was 839.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend all of these services. Visitors especially welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday, W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon

METHODIST CHURCH.
Hot or cold, rain or shine, business must and will go on. Why? Because people are interested in such. What would become of business if we attended to it as we attend to the business of the Lord?

Come to Sunday School next Sunday, 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent, teachers, and all will be looking for you, and we will miss you if you are not with us.

Preaching 11 a. m. This is our sacrament day. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m. Who will fill your place? Women meet at 2:30 p. m. Monday, Boys' and Girls' World club 4 p. m. Monday, Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. Monthly stewards meeting Thursday 7:15 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Cold weather greatly hindered our services Sunday and Sunday night. Let us remember that it doesn't get too cold for the merchants and other business men to go to their work. We certainly ought to be as diligent about the Lord's work as we are our own.

The Church of the Nazarene will be in a world-wide revival effort from May 14 to June 9. Let us pray that God will give us a great revival at this time.

Our services throughout the week as usual.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Many people carelessly neglect to attend public worship, and according to the teaching of the Apostle Paul this is a serious matter that weakens the church and leads the soul of man into open rebellion against God; so we use this means of reminding you of the services held in Merkel, Texas, for the purpose of worshiping God. I heard a man say the other day, "A

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few years ago Merkel, Texas, had a greater percentage of its population attending public worship than most any town in the state, but it seems that in the last two or three years they have grown careless—very much so. I wonder if any of you who read these articles are partly responsible for such a report as that? If so, will you help remedy the matter.

The following services will be held at the Church of Christ this next Sunday. Bible study will begin at 10 a. m. and last until 10:45. Preaching will begin at 11. The subject for the morning hour will be "The Prodigal Brother." Young people meet at 6:30 and preaching will begin at 7:30 p. m. The subject to be discussed at the evening hour will be "Rest of the Soul." As the minister of the church I extend to you an invitation to attend any and all services of the church.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a cold and disagreeable day, yet we had a fine congregation at our church services. Sunday night Bill Lowell preached for us. Bill is growing in grace and knowledge of the word of God. He says with Paul, "We" is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

We have services every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Singing every Tuesday night. We begin a very interesting study through the whole Bible, chapter by chapter, next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

This study will not be given in the usual dry and uninteresting manner, but it will begin in an unusual way with plenty of good meat on the bone, and you will get a full and complete study of all the Bible teaches, if you follow us in this study.

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J. D. Perry, field man for the Abilene unit, was toastmaster and talks were made by H. O. Wooten of the H. O. Wooten Grocer company, who expressed firm belief that conditions throughout the country were growing increasingly better in all fields, and by G. C. McDonald, who urged cooperation throughout all branches of the Red and White organization. Other speakers were: J. Pink Wooten, Lee Duckworth, J. H. Day and Kacy Jones.

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